

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **REPLACE** the second full paragraph on page 20 starting at line 10 and ending at line 16 with the following paragraph:

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--The use of the wavelength selecting filter 300 is optional. The wavelength selecting filter 300 is incorporated into the optical pickup when there is a need for separately controlling NA for the first and second light sources 104a and 104b. For example, if the first light source 104a emits a 400 nm blue laser beam and needs an ~~na~~-NA of 0.7, and the second light source 104b emits a 650 nm red laser beam and needs an ~~na~~-NA of 0.6, the wavelength selecting filter 300 is employed to allow a reduction of the NA of the objective lens 101 to 0.6 for the 650 nm laser beam while transmitting all of the 400 nm laser beam.--

Please **REPLACE** the first full paragraph on page 22 starting at line 11 and ending at line 15 with the following paragraph:

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--In the tenth embodiment, a light source of 400 nm, a collimating lens 103 having a focal length of about 20 mm, and an objective lens 101 having an ~~na~~-NA of 0.75 are employed. Since the wavelength of light emitted from the light source varies in the error range of ± 5 nm, the degree of defocus can be expressed as an uncertainty of $\pm 0.36\mu\text{m}$ in the focal depth. Also, the optical distance at 650 nm is 0.012λ .--